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- (a) There is a Maryland School for the Deaf.
- (b) The governance of the Maryland School for the Deaf is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf.
- (c)
 - (1) The Board of Trustees shall consist of 19 members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
 - (2) Of the 19 members, at least 6 members shall be deaf.
 - (3) Each member of the Board shall:
 - (i) Be a resident of the State;
 - (ii) Be a member of the general public; and
 - (iii) Have demonstrated an active interest in the education of deaf children.
 - (4) Each geographic region of the State shall be represented by at least one member of the Board.
- (d)
 - (1) The term of a member is 6 years.
 - (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for the members of the Board on October 1, 1992.
 - (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
 - (4) A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
- (e) The Board may:
 - (1) Apply for, accept, and spend any gift or grant from the federal government, any foundation, or any other person; and
 - (2) Maintain, manage, and invest any gifts or grants that it accepts.

- (f) The Board shall establish an annual operating budget.
- (g)
 - (1) There is a branch of the Maryland School for the Deaf.
 - (2) This branch shall be located near the population center of the State.
 - (3) The branch shall be administered and operated as part of and is subject to the Maryland School for the Deaf.
- (h)
 - (1) The Maryland School for the Deaf shall adopt written standards for the admission of students.
 - (2) The standards shall define and distinguish between students who are bona fide Maryland residents and those who are out-of-state students, for purposes of admission and tuition.
- (i) The Maryland School for the Deaf shall admit students free of charge who:
 - (1) Are bona fide Maryland residents; and
 - (2) Meet the admission standards of the Maryland School for the Deaf.
- (j)
 - (1) The Maryland School for the Deaf may admit out-of-state students for tuition who meet the admission standards of the Maryland School for the Deaf.
 - (2) The Maryland School for the Deaf shall establish tuition rates on an annual basis.
- (k) Each teacher who is employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf is in the professional service in the State Personnel Management System.

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